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RISK THEIR LIVES  
TO MEET

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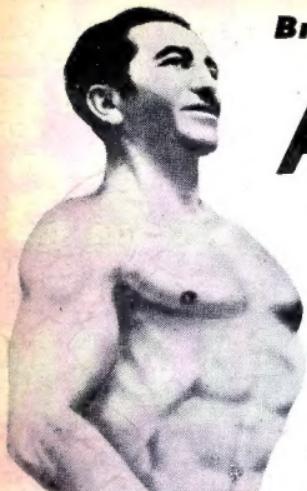


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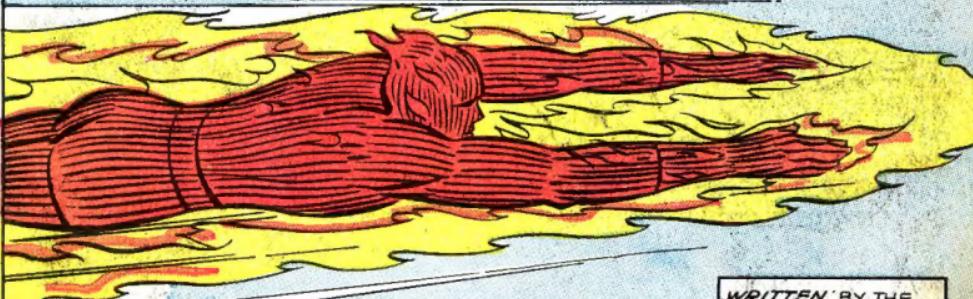
# THE MYSTERY VILLAIN!

SURE, YOU'VE SEEN DRAG RACES BEFORE! BUT, WHEN THE FABULOUS FANTASTIC FOUR DO SOMETHING, THEY DO IT THE HARD WAY! HERE'S THE FIRST AIRBORNE DRAG-RACE ON RECORD!!!

WATCH YOURSELF, JOHNNY! YOU'RE USING TOO MUCH FLAME POWER! YOU'LL NEVER REACH THE FINISH LINE!



YOU'RE JUST SCARED I'M GONNA BEAT YOU, REED! WATCH MY SMOKE NOW!



HOW COME I ALWAYS GET STUCK WITH THE SLOWEST CRATE, LOSIN' A RACE CAN GIVE A SENSITIVE GUY LIKE ME A COMPLEX!



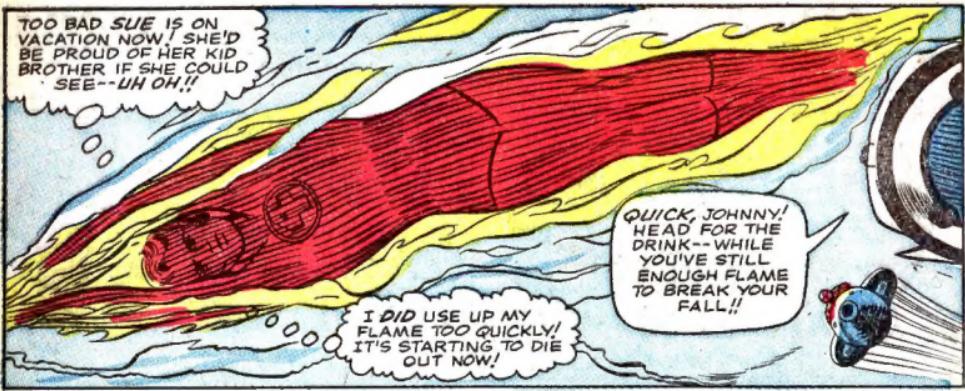
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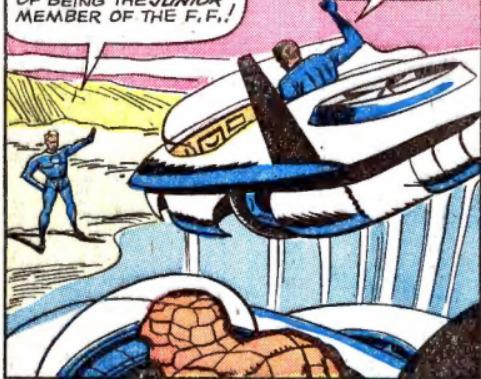




MINUTES LATER ...

I'M TIRED OF YOU  
ALWAYS BEING THE  
LEADER! I'M SICK  
OF BEING THE JUNIOR  
MEMBER OF THE F.F.!

DON'T BLAME ME  
FOR THAT, BOY! I  
JUST HAPPEN TO  
HAVE BEEN BORN  
SOONER!



LOOK, YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN, REED!  
WHY DO WE HAVE TO HAVE A LEADER, ANY-  
WAY?? THE AVENGERS HAVEN'T GOT A  
LEADER, AND THEY DO OKAY!

THEY HAVEN'T GOT THE  
THING, EITHER -- BUT  
WE'RE NOT DROPPING  
HIM!

THANKS  
A HEAP,  
PAL!

I'VE DONE  
PRETTY WELL  
IN THE PAST--  
ON MY OWN!



"REMEMBER THE WAY I BEAT THE WIZARD  
LAST YEAR? NOT BAD FOR A "JUNIOR MEMBER",  
HUH?" \*



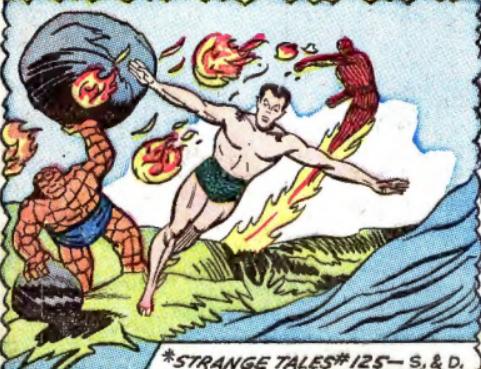
"AND I DID A PRETTY GOOD JOB OF DEFEATING  
PASTE-POT PETE A FEW MONTHS AGO!" \*



\* STRANGE TALES #118 - S. & D.

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"AND WHAT ABOUT THE TIME BASHFUL BENJAMIN  
AND I DROVE SUB-MARINER BACK INTO THE SEA?  
MAYBE IT NEVER OCCURRED TO YOU, BUT WE  
MANAGED TO DO IT WITHOUT A LEADER!" \*



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ALRIGHT, JOHNNY!  
YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
RECITE A WHO'S WHO  
OF ALL THE ENEMIES  
YOU'VE BEATEN! I  
KNOW ALL ABOUT  
THEM!

THE FANTASTIC FOUR  
ISN'T A PRISON! YOU  
CAN QUIT ANY TIME YOU  
WANT TO! IF YOU AND  
BEN THINK YOU'RE  
BETTER OFF WITHOUT  
A LEADER, THEN GOOD  
LUCK TO YOU! I'M TOO  
BUSY TO BOTHER WET-  
NURSING A PAIR OF  
MALCONTENTS!



LATER, AT JOHNNY'S HOUSE...

BOY! IT'S A LUCKY THING FOR STRETCH-HEAD THAT I AINT SURE WHAT HE MEANT BY SOME OF THOSE FIVE BUCK WORDS OF HIS!

NEVER MIND THAT, BIG BUDDY! THE IMPORTANT THING IS WE'RE ON OUR OWN FOR A WHILE!

REED THINKS WE'LL COME CRAWLING BACK TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM! BUT, LET'S TEACH HIM A LESSON! LET'S HANDLE ANOTHER CASE BY OURSELVES, FIRST!

LOOK, HALF-PINT--I DON'T MIND CELEBRATIN' "RAZZ REED RICHARD'S DAY", BUT WHEN IT COMES TO BUSTIN' UP THE F.F.!!

RELAX, B.J.! ALL I WANNA DO IS SHOW WE'RE AS GOOD AS HE IS--UNLESS YOU DON'T THINK YOU ARE!

ARE YOU KIDDIN'?? AFTER THEY MADE ME, THEY TOSSED AWAY THE MOLD!

SECONDS LATER...

I'VE GOT A TELEGRAM FOR THE TORCH AND THE THING! ARE THEY HERE?

WHO DO YA THINK WE ARE--HANSEL AND GRETTEL???

I'LL TAKE IT!

WOW! LISTEN TO THIS, BEN! WE'RE INVITED TO COMPETE IN A BIG AUTO RACE AT THE SALT FLATS! IT'S FOR CHARITY-- AND THEY'LL SUPPLY US WITH JET TURBINE RACING CARS! THEY CAN DO OVER FOUR-HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR!

BIG DEAL!! ONE OF REED'S MISSILES CAN DO THAT WITH ONE ROCKET TIED BEHIND ITS BACK!



WHAT CHARITY IS IT FOR, KIDD? I HOPE IT AINT FOR A YANCY STREET BLOCK PARTY!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT MUST BE AN IMPORTANT ONE TO AFFORD A RACE LIKE THIS!

WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



AND SO, A SHORT TIME LATER, THE F.F.'S SPEEDY MIDGET ROCKET SHIP HEADS FOR THE VAST SALT FLATS OF UTAH!!!

THE TELEGRAM SAID THAT THE RACE WILL BE COVERED BY TV! WON'T REED BE SURPRISED WHEN HE SEES US RACING AT BONNEVILLE???

HIM? HE WON'T POKE HIS SNOUT UP FROM HIS TEST TUBES LONG ENOUGH TO LOOK AT TV!



FINALLY, AFTER A NON-STOP  
ROCKET RIDE AT TWICE THE  
SPEED OF SOUND...

HEY! WHERE IS  
EVERYBODY? ALL  
I SEE ARE TWO  
CARS AND ONE NUT  
WAVIN' AT US  
LIKE HE KNOWS  
US!

MAYBE WE  
GOT HERE TOO  
EARLY, BEN!  
THIS LITTLE  
JET JOB  
DOESN'T KID  
AROUND  
ONCE SHE  
GETS GOIN'!

OH, DIDN'T THE TELEGRAM MENTION THAT?  
THERE AREN'T ANY OTHERS! THE RACE IS  
JUST BETWEEN YOU AND THE THING!

THERE'S THE  
SIGNAL FROM  
THE CONTROL  
TOWER!  
EVERYTHING  
IS READY!

YA MIGHT AS WELL GIMME  
MY PRIZE NOW! WHAT  
CHANCE WOULD JUNIOR HAVE  
AGAINST WONDERFUL  
ME???

THEN, AFTER A SMOOTH LANDING ON THE  
FAMOUS SALT FLATS...

WELCOME, GENTS! I'M THE  
CHIEF MECHANIC FOR THE  
RACE! WE'RE TRYING SOMETHING  
NEW THIS TIME--  
THERE ARE TV CAMERAS  
MOUNTED AT THE REAR  
OF EACH CAR!

BUT WHERE  
ARE ALL THE  
OTHER CARS  
AND DRIVERS?

REMEMBER--THE CARS YOU ARE  
DRIVING ARE NEW PROTOTYPE TEST  
MODELS WITH SPECIAL JET  
TURBINE ENGINES AND OTHER  
INNOVATIONS! YOU'LL HAVE A  
LOT OF AUTO UNDER YOU!

MISTER, CARS ARE MY  
MIDDLE NAME! JUST STAND  
BACK AND POLISH UP MY  
TROPHY FOR ME!

THE ENTIRE EVENT WILL BE MONITORED BY  
REMOTE CONTROL FROM THE TOWER! THE  
COURSE IS CLOSED TO SPECTATORS -- YOU  
HAVE IT ALL TO YOURSELVES!

YOU'LL RACE TO THE FOOT OF  
THE MOUNTAIN RANGE, AROUND  
CASTLE ROCK, AND BACK! MAY  
THE BEST MAN WIN!

THANKS--  
I WILL!

THE COCKPITS ARE  
LOCKED--MOTORS  
REVVED UP--AND  
HERE'S THE STARTING  
FLAG! ALL, BASHFUL  
BENJAMIN WILL SEE  
ME FROM NOW ON  
IS A CLOUD OF DUST!

START

I WONDER IF I'LL  
HAVETA MAKE A  
SPEECH  
AFTER  
I WIN?

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AND SO THE SIGNAL IS  
GIVEN--AND THE RACE  
BEGINS--A RACE DESTINED  
TO BE THE MOST UNIQUE  
--THE MOST STARTLING--  
EVER RECORDED!

AS THE TEEN-AGER REACHES  
FOR THE LEVER TO SHIFT  
INTO GEAR, HE IS AMAZED  
TO SEE...

AND, INSIDE OF BIG BEN'S  
CAR--

HAUNTED!! IT'S  
SLAMMIN' INTO GEAR  
BY ITSELF!



AND SO, BEFORE  
EITHER OF OUR  
TERRIFIC TWOSOME,  
CAN LAY A HAND  
ON THE CONTROLS,  
BOTH OF THE SWIFT,  
SUPER-POWERED  
RACING CARS SPEED  
TOWARD CASTLE  
ROCK AS THOUGH  
THEY'RE ALIVE!

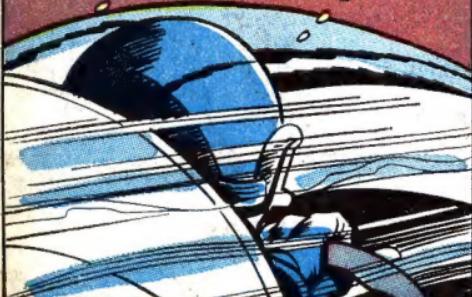
THIS IS NUTTY!  
HOW CAN A CAR  
TAKE OFF BY  
ITSELF?? I  
WONDER IF BEN  
IS HAVING THE  
SAME TROUBLE  
IN HIS RACER?

MAYBE HE JUST  
IMAGININ' THINGS! THE  
WAY JOHNNY TOOK OFF,  
THERE'S NOTHIN' WRONG  
WITH HIS FLIVVER!



HEADIN' STRAIGHT  
FOR CASTLE ROCK!  
BETTER CUT MY  
SPEED TO  
NEGOTIATE THE  
TURN!

FLAMIN'  
FIREBALLS!!  
I CAN'T SLOW  
'ER DOWN! I  
CAN'T CONTROL  
HER AT ALL!



AND, WITHIN THE THING'S CAR, BEN MEETS  
WITH THE SAME RESULT WHEN HE TRIES TO  
LESSEN HIS SPEED FOR THE APPROACHING  
TURN! THEN, QUICKLY REALIZING THE PRE-  
DICAMENT THEY'RE IN, BOTH DRIVERS COME TO  
THE SAME CONCLUSION...

THERE'S MORE TO THIS  
"RACE" THAN MEETS  
THE EYE, WE'VE BLUN-  
DERED INTO SOME SORT  
OF TRAP!! CAN'T EVEN  
FLAME ON--THIS COCKPIT  
IS AIR-TIGHT--AND I  
CAN'T RAISE THE PLEXI-  
GLASS BUBBLE!!

EVEN IF I COULD  
BUST OUTTA HERE,  
IT WOULDN'T DO  
ME ANY GOOD! IF  
I DIVED OUTTA THIS  
FOUR-WHEELED  
BOMB AT THIS SPEED,  
THERE'D BE  
"SPLATTERED THING"  
ALL OVER THE  
PLACE!



AND THEN, THE FINAL SHOCKING REALIZATION HITS THE NOW-GRI<sup>M</sup> TORCH...

JUST AS I EXPECTED--THE STEERING WHEEL IS A DUMMY, TOO! / I CAN'T CHANGE DIRECTION!! I'M HELPLESS IN HERE!



THUS, THE TWO JET TURBINE RACING CARS THUNDER FORWARD AS SONIC SPEED--EACH CONTAINING A HELPLESS AND BEWILDERED OCCUPANT!

IF SOMETHING DOESN'T STOP THIS BABY SOON, IT'S GONNA BE "BYE-BYE TORCH AND THING" WHEN WE PLOW INTO CASTLE ROCK!



AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF FOUR-HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR, IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG BEFORE THE MOMENT OF IMPACT DRAWS NEAR--!

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS IT! IF ONLY I HADN'T GOTTEN POOR BEN INTO THIS! IT'S ALL MY FAULT!



IT NEVER WOULD'A HAPPENED IF WE HAD STUCK WITH REED! HE'D HAVE SMELLED A RAT! HE'D HAVE INVESTIGATED BEFORE HE LET US ENTER THE RACE!



WE WENT SKIPPIN' INTO THIS MESS LIKE TWO LAME-BRAINS, NEVER SUSPECTIN' IT WAS SOMEBODY'S IDEA OF A CUTE WAY TO CHANGE THE FANTASTIC FOUR TO THE TREMBLIN' TWO!



--AND THE WORST OF IT IS, WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHO IT WAS THAT BEAT US! WELL--AT LEAST I'LL GO OUT LIKE A MAN--WITHOUT WHIMPERIN'--!



H-HERE IT COMES!! SO LONG, BEN-- AND REED-- AND SUE! YOU WERE ALL--THE GREATEST!

BUT THEN, AT WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE LAST SPLIT SECOND, A PART OF THE HUGE ROCK FORMATION OPENS INTO THE MOUTH OF A TUNNEL--!

WOW-EEE! AS MY DEAR OL' AUNT PETUNIA USED TO SAY-- "YOU'RE ALMOST AS LUCKY AS YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL, BENJAMIN!"

WE'RE RACING INTO A HIDDEN TUNNEL! WE'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE!

WE'RE GOING LOWER-- INTO SOME SORT OF SUBTERRANEAN CHAMBER --AND OUR SPEED IS SLACKENING!

IF I EVER GET MY PAWS ON THE JOKER WHO GOT US INTO THIS, I'LL FLATTEN 'IM SO THAT HE'LL HAVETA REACH UP TO TOUCH BOTTOM!!!

BUT, BEFORE THE THING CAN BEGIN TO EXERT HIS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH ON THE RACER'S FIBERGLASS BODY--



STILL CAN'T CONTROL THE CAR!! WHOEVER ARRANGED ALL THIS MUST WANNA FINISH US OFF NICE AND SLOW--BUT WHY?? AND WHO IS HE??



NEXT, BIG BEN REALIZES THERE IS NO NEED FOR HIM TO SMASH HIS WAY OUT OF THE CAR, AS BOTH RESTRAINING BUBBLE TOPS AUTOMATICALLY DISENGAGE THEMSELVES FROM THE RACERS, AND THE TWO FIGHTING PARTNERS FINALLY SEE THEIR UNKNOWN ADVERSARY!!



THESE ARE RASH WORDS, MY MUSCLE-BOUND FRIEND, CONSIDERING THAT YOU ARE BOTH COMPLETELY IN MY POWER!

NOT ANY MORE WE'RE NOT!! NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO FURNISH THE FUN!

A FLAMING DART! INTENDED TO FORCE ME TO SURRENDER, NO DOUBT!

I EXPECTED SOMETHING CLEVERER THAN THAT FROM YOU, TORCH!

YEAH? WHILE YOU'RE SOUNDIN' OFF I'LL MELT DOWN THAT LITTLE PEA-SHOOTER OF YOURS!

ALAS FOR YOU IT ISN'T A PEA-SHOOTER! IT FIRES A SPECIAL SPRAY MIST WHICH CAN INSTANTLY DOUSE YOUR OVER-RATED FLAME!

HE'S RIGHT! FLAME'S GOING OUT! THAT MUST BE SOME SORT OF LIQUID ASBESTOS!



WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, FELLA! EVEN WITHOUT MY FLAME, I'M NOT EXACTLY HELPLESS! I'VE STILL GOT A COUPLE OF FISTS I CAN USE!

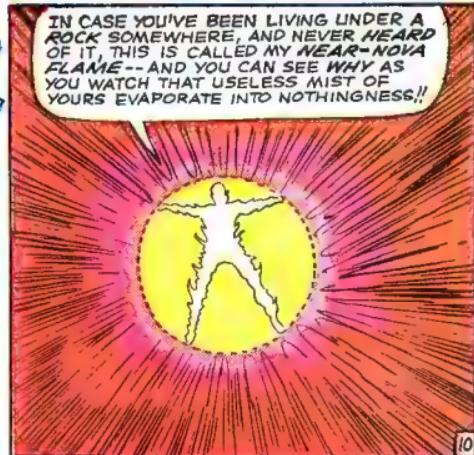
HOLD IT, JUNIOR! NOW YOU'RE STEPPIN' INTO MY DEPARTMENT!

WHEN IT COMES TO GIVIN' A GUY A FEW LITTLE LOVE TAPS I AINT GONNA WAIT FOR SLOPPY SECONDS. SO STEP ASIDE, SONNY BOY!

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT, NOW I'M SHIVERIN' IN MY BLUE LITTLE SHORTIES!!



GANGWAY!! IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!



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# BOYS! MEN!



Mike  
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BUT, NO SOONER IS HIS MYSTERIOUS FOE SAFELY IMPRISONED WITHIN THE GLOWING CAGE, THAN THE TORCH WEAKLY DRIFTS TO THE GROUND-- EXHAUSTED BY THE TREMENDOUS STRAIN OF PRODUCING HIS NEAR-NOVA HEAT BLAST!

WHAT DID YOU PUT THAT BLAMED BURNIN' BIRD CAGE AROUND I'M FOR? I WANNA GET AT I'M AGAIN!



YOU'D BETTER FIND A WAY TO GET US OUT OF HERE FIRST, BIG BUDDY-- BEFORE HE DREAMS UP SOME OTHER LITTLE SURPRISE FOR US!

LEMME PILE THESE OVER-GROWN PEBBLES HERE TO MAKE SURE CUDDLES STAYS WHERE HE IS AND THEN I'LL HAVE US OUT IN NO TIME!



I HOPE SO, BENNY BOY-- BECAUSE THE AIR'S GETTING MIGHTY THIN DOWN HERE!

BUT, TRY AS HE MAY, THE MIGHTY THING FINDS...

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? I CAN'T EVEN PUT A DENT IN THIS DING-BLASTED HUNKA TIN!!



OKAY, PAL, KNOCK IT OFF BEFORE YOU GET A CHARLIE HORSE! LET ME TRY!

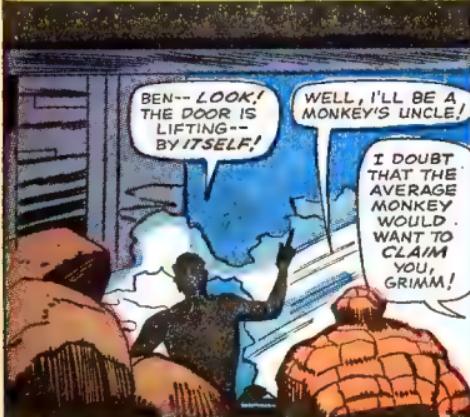


THUNK

RATS! IT'S NO GOOD! I'M STILL TOO WEAK TO MAKE MY FLAME HOT ENOUGH-- AND THE FADING OXYGEN DOWN HERE ISN'T HELPING ANY!



BUT THEN, THE NEXT UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT OCCURS!!



BEN-- LOOK! THE DOOR IS LIFTING-- BY ITSELF!

WELL, I'LL BE A MONKEY'S UNCLE!

I DOUBT THAT THE AVERAGE MONKEY WOULD WANT TO CLAIM YOU, GRIMM!

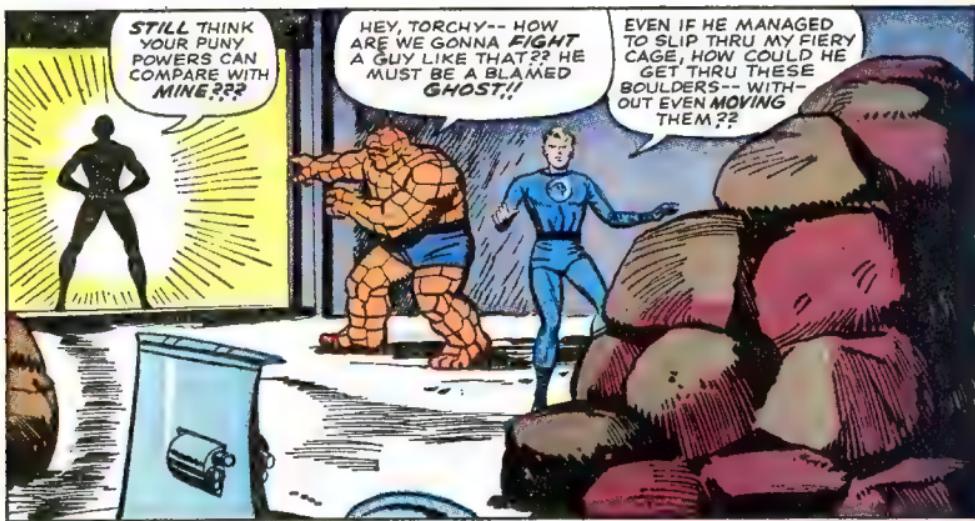
WHO SAID THAT???

YOU!!? HOW IN BLUE BLAZES DID YOU GET OUT OF THE TORCH'S BURNIN' CAGE??



EASILY!! AND IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU I DID! YOU TWO CLOWNS AREN'T WEARING AN OXYGEN MASK, AS I AM!

SO FAR THAT BOZO HAS BEATEN US AT EVERY TURN!!



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Dear Stan and Dick,

I don't want to sound like a comic critic or anything but I have a complaint. If there's anything I hate it's a "Golden Age hero" here in the Marvel Age. I figure that they had their days of fame and glory back there, so leave the Marvel Age for Marvel Age heroes. Now I went along with you with Captain America but when I read the latest STRANGE TALES and saw who was drawing it, (not that I have anything against the man, but that's when I first found out about the Torch being in the Golden Age) I "flamed on!" Imagine—my favorite hero, the Human Torch, is a Golden Age refugee. It was too much to bear. Since then the Spider-Man has almost overtaken the Torch in favoritism. To relieve some of the pain I ask one small favor. Please write up a list of all your heroes that are Golden Age refugees so next time it won't be so much of a shock. Other than this, keep up the excellent work.

Rick Paul, 315 S. Woodstock Dr.  
Cherry Hill, N.J.

**Shock therapy is too expensive, Ricky, so maybe we can help with a simple explanation. We did have a Human Torch back in the old days—but he was a different Torch. As far as we're concerned now, Johnny Storm is a new, Marvel Age character, with no ties to the past! Okay?**

Dear Stan and Dick,

First of all I want to tell you that your comics are great. Your stories and ideas are better than any other comics by far. Marvel Comics take twice as long to read than others! Now for a question—when somebody shoots at the Torch with a gun, before the bullet hits him, it melts. But when water is thrown on him, why doesn't it turn to steam?

Clyde Smith, 917 Monmouth St.  
Independence, Oregon

**It does—if it's a small amount of water! But, a steady stream of water in large quantity will douse his flame. But we wanna ask you something—how come you say our mags take twice as long to read? Is that good? Or do you mean they're hard to figure out?**

Dear Stan and Dick,

I must comment on your spelling in STRANGE TALES #123—it was awful. Now everyone knows that the word-Beatle is spelled B-e-a-t-l-e, not B-e-e-t-l-e. If you aren't more careful, Ringo may come after you with his drumsticks! The only gripe I have about your mags is that the Hulk looks too human. We all like him as the ugly, green ol' monster of a few months ago.

Kristin Barrett, 9199 Sandy Blvd.  
Portland, Ore.

**So why tell us? Ol' green skin is in Tales to Astonish, isn't he? Anyway, stalwart Stevie Ditko tells us he's "uglying" Hulk up from now on—so rest easy, Kris!**

Dear Stan and Steve,

What you did to Dr. Strange in issue #123 of STRANGE TALES was outrageous! You made a monkey out of him by letting us think he was stupid when he thought Loki's chains, and not Loki, were evil. You showed Dr. Strange sweating and scared! He's been in more frightening experiences than that one and he didn't even turn red! You almost let his amulet be destroyed, and to top it off, you didn't even let him use all of his power. When Loki surrounded him with that cage you forgot that in a past issue it didn't even make him bat an eyelash. You made him look silly by not having him wear his cape, and when he created all those foolish images, I thought that you two belonged in a funny farm!

Chris Clark, 818 Woodsdale Ave.  
Toledo 9, Ohio

**Shhh! Not so loud, Chris! Where do you think we escaped from? Anyway, don't forget that Doc Strange never fought a villain who was as powerful as Loki before! (And he isn't anxious ever to do it again!)**

# STRANGE MAIls

Dear Stan and Dick,

In FF ANNUAL #4 you said that the Torch was sixteen years old. I've been seriously thinking that you must have the numbers backward. Is he sixty-one? He uses the same speech as Reed and Ben and they are at least thirty. He doesn't use any new words such as "fab" (great), "gear" (absolutely the greatest), "soft" (slightly insane), "potty" (definitely insane), "bird" (girl), and "drag stuff" (anything boring). Lately the Torch has been a stuffed (anything). Where is the fun-loving Torch we used to know?!

Rita Hoard, 582 Spartan Court  
San Jose 12, Calif.

**We sent him to the woodshed, Rita, with a dictionary of slang, to study up! He promises he'll be "boss" as soon as possible!**

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—Remember last ish we told you we now have letters pages in all our mags except the Westerns and female titles? Well, just call us gluttons for punishment—we're gonna have I.P.'s in those books too. And new-to-business . . .

—Didja like our mystery villain this month? It kinda started us thinking—it's lucky for all concerned that red-blooded Reed is a good guy—because, if he ever took a notion to become a baddie—look out!

—Okay, you've had enough time to try to guess what M.M.M.S. stands for. Here's the low-down—We're starting a new club, and the initials stand for the Merry Marvel Marching Society! (Now there's something to wrap your tonsils around!) It's gonna be the most off-beat, far-out little society you ever belonged to—and we'll tell you more about it next ish, because it's still in the planning stage now. In fact, if you've any jazzy ideas for it, send 'em along while there's still time!

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EVEN THE POWERFUL ANCIENT ONE CANNOT STOP ME, SO HOW CAN YOU?



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OUR MYSTICAL SAGA BEGINS IN A DIMENSION SO ALIEN, SO INCREDIBLE, SO UTTERLY BEYOND HUMAN COMPREHENSION, THERE ARE NO WORDS IN ANY EARTHLY LANGUAGE TO ACCURATELY DESCRIBE IT! FOR THIS IS THE DIMENSION OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU... AND IT IS HERE THAT OUR TALE BEGINS...

I WARN YOU TO SEND THE ANCIENT ONE TO FIGHT IN YOUR STEAD! YOU ARE TOO YOUNG... YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTIC ARTS CANNOT BEGIN TO EQUAL MINE!

NO, DREADED ONE! IT IS ME WHOM THE ANCIENT ONE HAS SENT... AND IT IS ME WHOM YOU MUST BATTLE!

BAH! ALL THROUGH THE AGES, WITLESS CREATURES SUCH AS YOU HAVE DARED TO CHALLENGE ME... AND ALL HAVE MET THE SAME DEADLY FATE! I SHALL GIVE YOU A BRIEF PERIOD TO RECONSIDER BEFORE I SUMMON YOU TO YOUR FINAL BATTLE!

FOR I NO LONGER DERIVE PLEASURE FROM DEFEATING WEAK OPPONENTS... THE SPORT NOW BORES ME!



AND SO, MOMENTS LATER...

HE SOUNDED SO SURE OF HIMSELF... SO TOTALLY ARROGANT! CAN HE REALLY BE SO COMPLETELY UNBEATABLE!?



THEN, SUDDENLY, THE MYSTERIOUS FEMALE WHO HAD TRIED TO WARN DR. STRANGE WHEN HE ENTERED THE DREAD DIMENSION AGAIN APPEARS...

HEED MY WORDS, MAN FROM ANOTHER WORLD! YOU MUST NOT BATTLE DORMAMMU!

YOU WASTE YOUR BREATH! NOTHING CAN STOP ME! I MUST SAVE HUMANITY FROM THE DREADED ONE!



EVEN THOUGH I PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT, I DARE NOT FALTER! MY LIFE MEANS NOTHING!

NO! IT IS NOT ONLY OF YOU I AM THINKING! IF, BY SOME UNBELIEVABLE MIRACLE YOU SHOULD TRIUMPH, IT COULD MEAN THE END OF US!

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND!



THEN YOU MUST BE SHOWN! PREPARE YOURSELF, EARTH MORTAL... PREPARE FOR SIGHTS SUCH AS NO HUMAN EYES HAVE EVER BEFORE BEHELD!

LET THE ENTRANCE APPEAR... THE ENTRANCE TO... THE BEYOND!



AND NOW, FOLLOW ME... AND BE PREPARED TO WITNESS THE INCREDIBLE!

I MUST BE VIGILANT... IT MIGHT BE A TRAP! AND YET, MY INSTINCTS TELL ME SHE IS SINCERE!



SECONDS LATER, THE EARTHBORNE MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC WITNESSES SIGHTS WHICH STRAIN HIS SHOCKED SENSES TO THE BREAKING POINT!



FOR, THIS IS THE OUTSKIRTS OF DORMAMMU'S DOMAIN... WHERE THE MINDLESS ONES DWELL!



YES! AND THERE THEY ARE... PRIMITIVE, SAVAGE, TOTALLY DEVOID OF LOVE, OR KINDNESS, OR ANY TYPE OF INTELLIGENCE! THEY LIVE ONLY TO FIGHT... AND TO DESTROY!



THEY HAVE LIVED AT THE FRINGE OF OUR DIMENSION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME... EVER WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO ATTACK US... TO SLAY US ALL!



LOOK OUT! WE VENTURED TOO CLOSE! THEY HAVE SEEN US! QUICK... FOLLOW ME!

WHY HAVE THEY NEVER CONQUERED YOU BEFORE? WHAT HAS STOPPED THEM??



ONLY ONE THING...THIS MYSTIC SHIELD BEHIND WHICH WE BOTH HAVE RUN! IT IS TOO POWERFUL FOR THE MINDLESS ONES TO PENETRATE!

IT WAS CREATED BY DORMAMMU, AGES AGO...TO KEEP US SAFE FROM THOSE WHO WOULD DESTROY US!



ONLY THE MIGHTY SPELLS OF THE DREADED ONE CAN KEEP THE SHIELD IN EXISTENCE! IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN TO HIM, THEN ALL OF US HERE IN HIS DIMENSION ARE DOOMED!



THAT IS WHY YOU MUST NOT DEFEAT HIM! ONLY HE CAN SAVE US FROM THE MINDLESS ONES!

YET, IF HE LIVES, HUMANITY SHALL ALWAYS BE IN DANGER!



I WISH TO BRING NO HARM TO THIS FANTASTIC WORLD... AND YET MY FIRST DUTY IS TO EARTH... AND THE ONES WHO INHABIT IT!

I HAVE NO CHOICE... I MUST BE TRUE TO MY OATH!



THEN, FINALLY... COME, MAN OF FLESH AND BLOOD! THE TIME IS HERE!

DORMAMMU'S SUMMONS! NOW, THE DIE IS CAST!



THE GIRL! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HER??

SHE KNEW THE PENALTY FOR SPEAKING TO AN ENEMY! SHE HAS BETRAYED ME... AND SO, HER FATE IS NOW LINKED WITH YOURS!



BUT... SHE MERELY TRIED TO HELP... TO CONVINCE ME, NOT TO FIGHT...

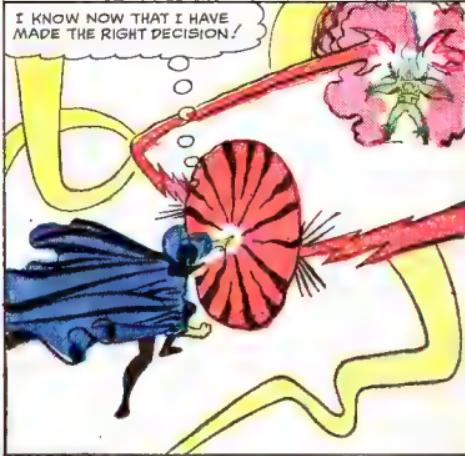
SILENCE! FIRST, SHE SHALL WITNESS YOUR DEFEAT... THEN, SHE SHALL BE NEXT TO DIE! DORMAMMU HAS SPOKEN!



NOW, LET THE BATTLE BEGIN! THE BATTLE WHICH SHALL END AS ALL THOSE IN THE PAST... WITH THE COMPLETE VICTORY OF DORMAMMU, MASTER OF THE DARK DOMAIN!



I KNOW NOW THAT I HAVE MADE THE RIGHT DECISION!



NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES, DORMAMMU IS TOO POWERFUL, TOO EVIL, TO BE ALLOWED TO EXIST!



NO MATTER WHAT THE COST... NO MATTER WHAT THE CONSEQUENCES... HE MUST BE DESTROYED!



HE IS MERELY TOYING WITH ME NOW... TRYING TO CONFUSE AND BEWILDER ME!



BUT, HE SHALL SEE THAT I, TOO, HAVE MAGICAL WEAPONS!



I, TOO, CAN CAST SPELLS WHICH HAVE THE POWER TO CONFOUND AND TO DAZZLE!



SO, HUMAN! YOU ARE A MORE CAPABLE FOE THAN I SUSPECTED! ALL THE MORE PITY THAT I SHALL BE FORCED TO VANQUISH YOU!



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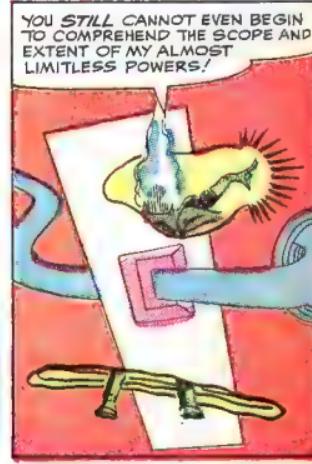
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IT MATTERS NOT WHO SHALL WIN! IN ANY EVENT I AM DOOMED!



HIS POWER CONTINUES TO INCREASE, WHILE MINE GROWS WEAKER. WHAT MANNER OF BEING IS HE? IS THERE NO WAY TO DRAIN HIS STRENGTH??



BUT, I MUST NOT ALLOW MY MIND TO DWELL ON THOUGHTS OF DEFEAT! I MUST FIGHT ON... UNTIL THE END!



IT WILL SOON BE OVER! THE MORTAL ONE CANNOT HOLD OUT MUCH LONGER!



BUT, UNKNOWN TO EITHER COMBATANT, WHILE THE DREAD DORMAMMU EXERTS MORE AND MORE ENERGY TO DEFEAT HIS MORTAL FOE, HIS BARRIER SHIELD GETS PROGRESSIVELY WEAKER, AS THE MINDLESS ONES SLOWLY REALIZE...



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THE MINDLESS ONES! THEY'VE BROKEN THROUGH! NOW NOTHING MATTERS! WE ARE ALL DOOMED!



DORMAMMU HAS HALTED HIS ATTACK ON ME! WHY???

I SHALL ATTEND TO YOU LATER, EARTHLING! FOR THE MOMENT, I SEE A MORE PRESSING PROBLEM TO DISPOSE OF!



HE HAS TURNED HIS BACK TO ME! THIS IS MY CHANCE! AND YET... I CANNOT DO BATTLE IN SUCH A MANNER!

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IF DORMAMMU IS UNABLE TO STOP THE MINDLESS ONES, THEN ALL WHO DWELL IN THIS DARK DIMENSION WILL BE SLAIN!



MANY ARE INNOCENT... UNDESERVING OF SUCH A FATE! THEY MUST BE SAVED!

HIS POWER MUST BE INCREASED! PERHAPS, IF I BATHE HIM IN THE LIGHT OF MY ENCHANTED AMULET...



STAND STILL, DREADED ONE! LET THE POWER OF MY AMULET SEEP INTO YOU, ADDING TO YOUR OWN!



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SO BE IT! EVEN THOUGH I AM YOUR SUPERIOR, YOU HAVE DONE WHAT NONE COULD DO SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL... YOU HAVE DEFEATED DORMAMMU! BUT, I SHALL NEVER REST UNTIL I HAVE AVENGED THIS INDIGNITY!



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MY MASTER  
IS GONE!  
BUT... WHERE...??

HERE, MY DEVOTED DISCIPLE! HERE IS THE ONE WHOSE HEART IS FILLED WITH PRIDE AT YOUR VICTORY!

MASTER! YOU SEEM STRONGER...MORE ROBUST THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN YOU! HOW EFFORTLESSLY YOU ATTAIN THE FLOATING POSITION OF NIRVANA!



THAT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR DEED, MY SON! YOUR TRIUMPH OVER DORMAMMU HAS BROKEN THE SPELL WHICH HE HAD PLACED ON ME, AGES AGO!

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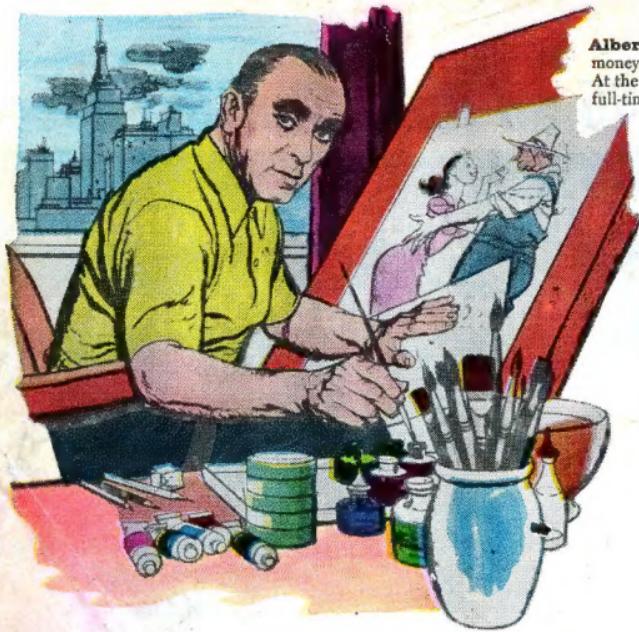
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